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1. Salaries of civilian bookkeepers:

[redacted] bookkeeper in a farm produce cooperative was earning 1,000 roubles per month. The chief accountant of the VOYENFORG (Army Supply Shop) in his home town in the USSR, who had an office staff of 12, of whom 4 were bookkeepers, received a salary of 2,000 roubles. As a rule the salary of a bookkeeper is scaled according to the turnover of the undertaking.

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[redacted] the lowest salary paid to a bookkeeper is 500 roubles per month, but [redacted] chartered accountants employed by big undertakings [redacted] earned 5,000

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roubles per month, often a sum larger than the salary of the managing director;

Most big undertakings and factories recruit their personnel from the "Financial Institutes" - trade schools;

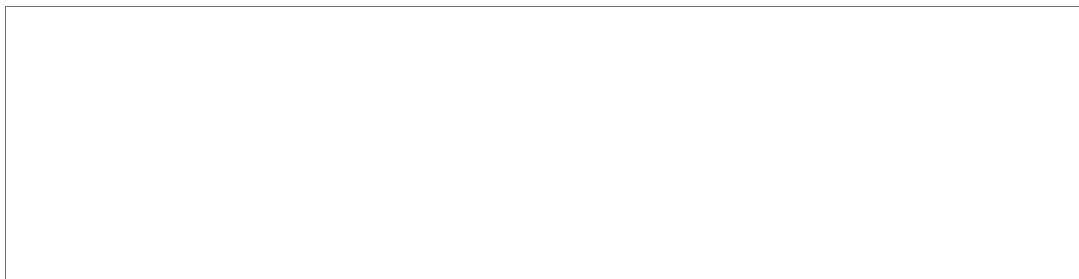
2. Censorship of Soviet Troops' Mail:

[redacted] soon after arrival in Germany the Soviet troops are instructed verbally by their officers not to disclose in their correspondence the location of their unit, conditions of service or any details concerning their units or weapons.

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They are told to write that they are well looked after, have a good time and give honest service to the State.

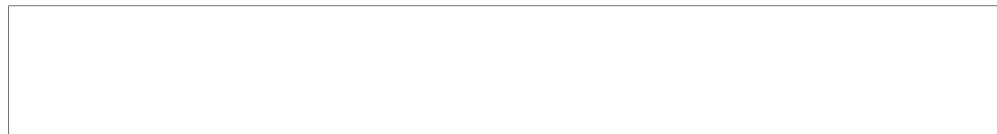
Any indiscretion committed in correspondence is usually censored before the letter leaves Germany and if the indiscretion was a serious one the offender is usually sent back to the USSR.



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[redacted] a soldier did show [redacted] a letter half of which was deleted. It appeared that in the censored part of the letter prices of goods in the USSR were mentioned.

In 1951 an order was issued advising all troops to burn the letters they received from the USSR.



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In general the troops regarded the censorship as a necessary evil.

3. Transports of personnel and material through GRODEKOV to China:

[redacted] since 1948 GRODEKOV has the added importance of being one of the main supply routes for the transit of specialist troops and war materials to China and Korea, also the main leave route for the KWANTUNG Army.

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In Aug 49 approx 500 Red Army Lieutenants arrived in GRODEKOVO from a military school in Western Russia. They spent about 15 days waiting to be issued with civilian clothes and then left by train for China.

A smaller number of "specialists" all of the rank of Lt Col also arrived from MOSCOW, spent 10 days in GRODEKOVO until they received civilian clothes and then left for China.

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[redacted] observed endless goods trains with trucks, tanks, guns and other war materials leaving GRODEKOVO station for China.

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4. A special MGB unit in GRODEKOVO:

[redacted] in GRODEKOVO was located an MGB unit which was usually referred to as "Operative Section of Maritime Military District" (OPERATIVNIY OTDYEL PRIMORSKOGO VOYENNOGO OKRUGA) [redacted] this unit was subordinated to the Maritime Military District and was not a main section of the HQ of the Military District controlling any other MGB sections and units which may exist on the territory of PRIMORSKIY KRAY.

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[redacted] no proof that this unit was an MGB unit except that it was generally accepted as such and that the officers and NCOs wore uniforms of the Frontier Forces which is regarded as a part of the MGB.

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[redacted] this unit sent agents to China [redacted] a number of Chinese were employed by this unit, were accommodated in GRODEKOVO but did no apparent work there. They were also seen crossing the frontier into China.

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[redacted] this unit consisted of 5 officers, 7 NCOs, 8 civilians (typists and drivers) and 9 to 12 guards. The officer in charge (in 1951) was Lt Col IVLEV who had two Lt Cols as his deputies, the name of one of them was BYELOV.

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The remaining two officers were cipher officers. One of them was Capt IKONOPISTSEV and the second a Lt (name not known).

The Lt was posted to PORT ARTHUR but was soon frequently visiting the section in GRODEKOVO.

[redacted] Capt IKONOPISTSEV was on attachment in PYONGYANG in Korea in 1951.

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[REDACTED]

Lt Col IVLEV the head of the unit received in addition to pay for his rank an appointment pay amounting to 2,000 roubles per month and his deputies 1,800 roubles per month.

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[REDACTED] The establishment shows only officers, NCOs, typists, drivers and guards [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The Chinese employed by this unit [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

This unit occupied a large two-storey building on Komsomolskaya Street in GRODEKOVQ (shown on plan of GRODEKOVQ, see Annex 1 to Appendix "D"). The building was set in its own grounds and surrounded by approx eight feet high wooden fence.

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5. Reserves of the Soviet Forces:

[REDACTED] all who completed the compulsory service in the Soviet Forces are members of the Soviet Forces Reserve. The Reserves are administered by VOYENKOMAT (Military Commissariat) which usually exists in each administrative district (RAYON). The VOYENKOMAT is also responsible for training of reserves. The reserve officers are usually sent by VOYENKOMAT to reserve regiments and divisions for their training which usually lasts 90 hours (actual training) per year. These reserve regiments and divisions have a permanent skeleton staff.

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The ORs and NCOs are compelled to do 120 hours of training per year. This training is carried out by the VOYENKOMAT instructors in the evenings and on Sundays.

[REDACTED] it is the duty of the VOYENKOMAT to organise the reserves into units so that in case of mobilisation they could form regiments and divisions locally and [REDACTED] such units up to the strength of a regiment could be mobilised within 48 hours.

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[redacted] of the two ministries the MGB is the most important and all-powerful. The MVD as far [redacted] is responsible for control of militia, issue of passports and probably [redacted] for administration of normal prisons. Control of labour camps, frontier control, guarding of factories, railway lines and bridges [redacted] are the responsibility of the MGB. [redacted]

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The "interior troops" have khaki uniforms and caps with a blue top and red band. [redacted] he had seen these troops guarding various objects such as railway lines and bridges which was formerly performed by the militia.

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The guards of the forced labour camps as a rule wore uniforms as that described for the "interior troops" but some of them, [redacted] had also a greyish-blue uniform which [redacted] is the colour of the MGB uniform.

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The frontier forces wore dark green uniforms and [redacted] often referred to these troops as "MGB troops". [redacted] although the frontier troops have their own organisation and a high command in MOSCOW they are controlled by the MGB and as the various other MGB organisations use as a disguise the frontier troops uniform the general opinion therefore refers to the frontier forces as "MGB troops".

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[redacted] the recruitment to the "interior troops" and frontier forces is carried out by the VOYENKOMATS from either members of the VKP (b) or KOMSOMOL and after careful investigation of the recruit's and his family's loyalty to the regime.

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7. Corrective Labour Camps and Corrective Labour Colonies:

[redacted] he does not know the official difference between the Corrective Labour Camp and Colony. [redacted] the only difference is that the inmates of a Corrective Labour Colony are less guarded and are permitted to contact the local population, while the inmates of a Corrective Labour Camp do not enjoy these privileges.

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8. Entries of prison sentences and social position in personal documents:

[] prison sentences are not entered in the internal passports but are entered in the labour book.

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[] however, [] persons who served their sentences in corrective labour camps receive passports valid for one year only and [] such passports have special numbers which reveal this to the militia.

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The social position is entered in the Soviet internal passport under the heading "social position". These terms are used to describe the social position: employee (SLUZHASHCHITY), worker (RABOCHIIY) and peasant (KRESTYANIN).

Apart from prison sentences the labour book will show all fines and lesser punishment for absenteeism from work. An entry in the labour book will also be made when an employee is released from his place of work at his own request.

9. Rumours of transfer of civilian population from VLADIVOSTOK:

[] the civilian population of VLADIVOSTOK is going to be transferred to the new town of ZHDANOV being built on the NAKHODKA peninsula.

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The reason for this allegedly is the lack of space for further expansion of VLADIVOSTOK. After the transfer VLADIVOSTOK would become exclusively a naval harbour and base.

10. Rumours concerning Soviet Marshals:(a) ZHUKOV

[] according to rumours ZHUKOV was removed from Germany because he committed an indiscretion by telling Gen EISENHOWER during a banquet that he and his Armies could be in a few hours in PARIS whenever they wished. ZHUKOV was also blamed for the poor discipline of the Soviet occupation forces.

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[] after ZHUKOV took over the ODESSA military district he found that all the health resorts in the CRIMEA were occupied by Jews, a situation he soon altered making them available for military personnel. Because of this, however, he was moved to SVYERDLOVSK but this was a fictitious appointment, as in fact he was, according to rumours, in China organising the Chinese Army. Since then his nickname is MAO-ZHUKOV.

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/(b) ROKOSHOVSKIY

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(b) ROKOSSEVSKIY

According to rumours ZHUKOV and ROKOSSEVSKIY are good friends and [] ZHUKOV was responsible for the rapid promotion of ROKOSSEVSKIY who for some offence was banished to a small area near lake BAIKAL.

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ZHUKOV apparently got ROKOSSEVSKIY out of his banishment, put him in charge of a Bn and later was instrumental in all his promotions.

ROKOSSEVSKIY is often called a "bandit" because during the war the majority of his forces were criminals from penal settlements and his troops were known to be particularly ruthless.

(a) MALINOVSKIY

According to rumours MALINOVSKIY was placed in command of the Far Eastern Armies after Marshal VASSILEVSKIY refused to accept this post.

(d) BULGANIN

According to rumours Marshal BULGANIN will soon be released because of friction between him and other Soviet marshals who resent serving under a non-combatant marshal.

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11. Coal prospecting in KOLYMA region:

[] in 1950 [] a young man and his wife both geologists [] were going to KOLYMA as coal prospectors. Both elected to go there because of better pay than they received when employed on the KOLA peninsula.

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12. Conditions of service in KWANTUNG:

One of the passengers [] was a Jun Lt (SAF) stationed in KWANTUNG, who told [] that training flights in his unit were carried out almost every day, the discipline was very strict, the troops were not permitted to fraternize and were virtually confined to barracks. In spite of the higher pay troops received in KWANTUNG very little could be bought because of prohibitive prices.

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13. Armoured unit in CHEKHOTKA:

Another passenger [] was a Capt of an armoured unit stationed in CHEKHOTKA. This Capt told [] that the troops in CHEKHOTKA because of eternal snow and fog had to live in dug-outs (ZYEMLYANKA). The Capt was very glad when he was posted to LVOV []

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14. Faulty airscrew in IL 12 aircraft:

[redacted] during his return journey from leave in 1951 a pilot officer and an airforce mechanic [redacted] were stationed in GHEKHOTKA where they had now types of IL 12 aircraft.

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The mechanic left at OMSK and his place was taken by an important looking civilian who for the first 24 hours would not talk to anybody. When finally conversation became general both the civilian and the pilot officer found out that they were both called to MOSCOW in connection with a faulty airscrew in the IL 12 aircraft.

[redacted] the fault lay in the construction of the airscrew whose blades bent during a flight when the aircraft was fully loaded.

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15. Information on KRASKINO:

[redacted] Capt was stationed in KRASKINO and [redacted] his unit was employed on delivery of supplies to PYONGYANG. His unit had a large number of trucks in which all sorts of war material and supplies were brought from the USSR to Korea.

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Apart from the Captain's unit there was also a large number of engineer troops stationed in KRASKINO. These troops were employed on building a railway junction on the Soviet-Korean frontier near KRASKINO and building of roads and defence positions.

The troops lived in dugouts (ZYEMLYANKA) and under canvas, were not allowed to go out even in their free time and the only recreation was vodka which was supplied in large quantities and on vodka troops spent all their money. The morale was very low and troops often compared their treatment to that of a forced labour camp.

The Captain served with the Soviet Occupation Forces in Germany until 1948 when he was demobilised. In 1949 he was called up again with a number of other reservists to a newly formed, almost completely from reserve, engineer and transport unit, equipped with the most modern machinery for road building, mechanical railway track laying and drainage of marshlands. The whole unit was sent to KRASKINO where it was employed on construction work until the outbreak of the Korean War when part of it was used for transporting supplies.

The Captain was drunk most of the journey and when he spent all his money he asked his fellow travellers for help. 800 rubles were collected and given to him under the condition that he would not spend this money on buying alcohol but the Captain not only spent the money he obtained from the fellow travellers but also the money he obtained from pawning his belongings to the train staff.

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16. Special guards on the railway line round lake BAIKAL:

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[redacted] the railway line from station
BAIKAL round the lake BAIKAL is specially guarded by armed sentries
of the internal troops. In 1950 [redacted] guards only on
bridges and at the entrances to the numerous tunnels in this area but
in 1951 there was a sentry almost every hundred yards. [redacted]

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